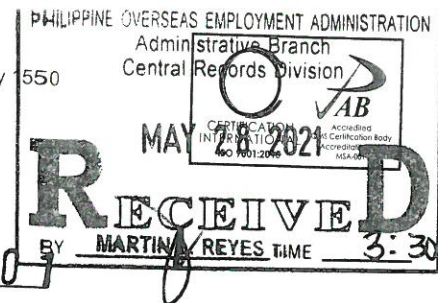




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GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 07
Series of 2021

WHEREAS, Section 4 of RA 8042 as amended by RA 10022 provides that the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) should issue a certification specifying the countries as compliant with any of the conditions on the deployment of Filipino workers;

WHEREAS, in all certifications issued by the DFA, South Sudan is not included as one of the countries that is compliant;

WHEREAS, based on the communication of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) dated 16 March 2018 on the review of Post's certification pursuant to Section 3 of RA 10022, the DFA has confirmed that South Sudan is Non-Compliant due to current unstable peace and security therein;

WHEREAS, the DFA, in a letter reply of 02 July 2019 on POEA's clarification on the alert level in Sudan, indicated that South Sudan is a distinct and separate country which is under Alert Level 4;

WHEREAS, upon POEA's request for further advice/clarification on the alert level in South Sudan, the DFA reiterated in its letter of 09 September 2019 that the country is under Alert Level 4 since 19 July 2016 and its alert level has not been lowered to date;

WHEREAS, the DFA recommended the raising of the alert level in the Republic of South Sudan from Alert Level 2 (Restriction Phase) to Alert Level 4 (Mandatory Repatriation) due to an upsurge in violence that erupted between forces allied to President Salva Kiir (the leader of Sudan People's Liberation Army or SPLA) and of the Protection Unit from the SPLA-in Operation (SPLA-IO) of Vice President Riek Machar;

WHEREAS, on 24 September 2019, the POEA issued Governing Board Resolution No. 11, Series of 2019 imposing a total ban on the processing and deployment of all OFWs bound for South Sudan;

WHEREAS, in a letter dated 01 March 2021, the DFA has informed the lowering of alert level in South Sudan from Alert Level 4 to Alert Level 3 (Voluntary Repatriation) due to the recent political developments in the said country following the formation of a unity government on 22 February 2020. However, several outstanding security concerns still persist therein such as high level of violence and armed conflict in various parts of the country and the surge of COVID-19 infections; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of a total deployment ban is recommended in countries placed under Alert Level 3;

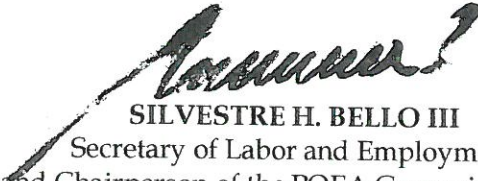
NOW, THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, **RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to sustain the imposition of a total ban on the processing and deployment of all OFWs bound for South Sudan.

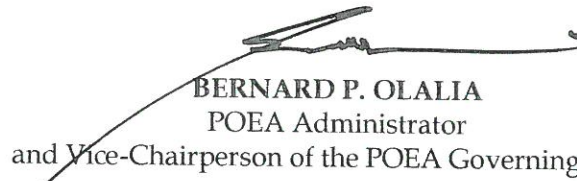
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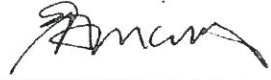
For immediate compliance.


Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this ____ day of May 2021.


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